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STRIKE THE COLORS!—This picture, made at twilight time just before the sounding of retreat, is symbolic of this issue of the BANNER, which strikes its colors and ceases publication with this edition. Started in May, 1944, one week before D-Day in France, the paper served military and civilian personnel of McGuire as the official voice of the hospital. With reduction in personnel as a result of the demobilization process and the imminent transfer of the hospital to the Veterans Administration, the BANNER must cease to function.

Huge Hospital Building Program Begun By VA

The Veterans Administration announced this week the starting of "the most gigantic hospital building program in the history of the world" to provide war veterans with 183 new and permanent hospitals, equipped with 151,000 beds, in thirty-nine States.

To the Corps of Engineers of the Army has been assigned a large part of the program for which completion is set in eighteen months or two years. The use of skyscraper construction will be stressed, and leading hospital architects are expected to provide designs embodying the most modern facilities. The cost of the program is put approximately at \$448,000,000.

This plan was the chief subject of Gen. Omar N. Bradley's report on the first six months of his stewardship as Veterans Administrator, at a press conference.

General Bradley, who was flanked by Maj. Gen. Paul R. Hawley, Acting Chief Medical Director of the Veterans Administration, said the 183 new hospitals would include 105 for general medicine and surgery, 49 for neuropsychiatric cases and 29 for tuberculosis treatment.

Three of the new hospitals are under construction. Funds are on hand for 47 more, and appropriations for 30 more are pending in Congress. Some funds will not become available until 1947.

The cost of 1,111-bed hospitals will run to about \$10,000,000; of the medium-sized institutions to about \$60,000,000, and of the smaller units from \$2,500,000 to \$5,000,000.

"The new hospital planning program will bring a revised concept in the styles for new VA hospitals, of building vertically wherever possible, instead of constructing sprawling buildings which cover a good deal of ground," General Bradley said. "Especially in crowded cities, where land values are high, will the hospitals be built in the form of skyscrapers. This will not only conserve valuable land space, but will reduce the number of personnel required per hospital."

"Under the revised plans, hospitals, wherever possible, will be built close to medical schools and

centers, where doctors and other professional people can be brought into part-time association with VA's program for giving veterans a medical service second to none."

General Bradley explained that the program to add 151,500 beds to the present 83,339 in the existing 98 veteran hospitals was expected to meet the needs up to 1948. He ventured an estimate of 300,000 beds as probable for 1975. His figures "may be 100 per cent off," but the plans were based on the hospitalization rate of 1940.

He presented figures to show that 92,276 veterans of all wars are hospitalized or receiving home care under the Veterans Administration. The total hospitalization is 80,756, of which patients 30,331 are veterans of World War II and the rest are veterans of other wars and personnel of the Regular Army.

Vets' Disability Claims Highest in U. S. History

The gigantic toll of World War II in comparison with all previous conflicts was illustrated last week in a Veterans Administration report. During the fiscal year which ended June 30, 1945, the number of veterans of all earlier wars on pension rolls increased by 330,619, as compared with an increase of 336,163 for World War II alone. As of June 30, the number of allowed World War II disability claims nearly matched the total of World War I disability claims allowed since 1917. More than 95 per cent of last year's increased hospital load was credited to the needs of World War II veterans.

Committee Investigates Army Justice

Thorough examination of what the GI faces during court-martial is the aim of a new United States Senate investigation. The whole military justice set-up will soon be probed by the Senate Judiciary Committee. Alleged abuses of "the Constitutional rights of servicemen" will be checked, and Congress has authorized investigators to spend \$25,000 to call witnesses in the inquiry.

Examining the military law procedure in Hawaii will open the investigation, with Congressmen later studying the operation of both courts-martial and places of confinement used by the Army and Navy.

Charges have been made that GI punishments are sometimes excessive and are not uniform when the same crime is committed in different parts of the world. Senators will now check these accusations, and also examine alleged miscarriages of justice among soldiers already sentenced.

Army officials report that their own Advisory Clemency Board has already been established and has reviewed more than 8,000 court-martial cases. In nearly 90 per cent of these war-time cases investigation has resulted in a reduction of sentences, the War Department disclosed.

Meanwhile, the Army has ordered all overseas commanders to refer all court-martial cases involving the death penalty to President Truman. And President Truman himself has issued an executive order easing future court-martial sentences. The Chief Executive restored—except in occupied territories—a peacetime order preventing courts-martial from imposing the death sentence for desertion, AWOL or misbehavior of guards and sentinels.

VA Interviews to Clarify Job Status of Employees

The employment status of civilian personnel at McGuire will be clarified beginning Monday and continuing to March 1, when interviews will be granted employees of the hospital by four representatives of the Veterans Administration as a result of the completion of a job survey made by VA field representatives, H. Douglas Leonard and T. T. Meyers.

BANNER Terminates Publication

With this issue, the BANNER ceases to exist.

Since the distribution of the first copies as a mimeographed twelve-page publication in May 1944 until the present date, the BANNER has brought information and entertainment to all personnel at the hospital.

Assuming its present format as a four-page printed weekly in November 1944, the policy of the paper has always concerned itself with the welfare of the patients first, and then with its other readers, military and civilian.

As editor of the first printed sheet, former Sgt. Bernard Asbel guided the BANNER from its inception until his hospitalization and eventual discharge from the Army in August. Succeeding him as acting editor was former Wac Sgt. Lee King who held the reins for a brief period during the month of September 1945.

Arriving from the Army Ground and Services Forces Redistribution Station at Asheville, N. C., by way of Camp Lee, S-Sgt. Dave Fidler became editor of the BANNER in October 1945, and remained in that position until the final issue this week.

Former staff members of the BANNER, were Sgt. Clyde Biggerstaff, Sgt. Dick Bruner, T-4 Louis Hutchinson, Cpl. Charles Woods and Pfc. John Oliver. Staff photographers included Sgt. Bruce Milgrim, Cpl. Charles A. Smith, Pfc. Jack Pearson and artist Sgt. Edward Paier.

Except for an absence of two weeks during which he was assigned to the Public Relations branch, headquarters Third Service Command, Capt. Howard B. Leeds supervised the activities of the McGuire public relations office from which the BANNER emanated.

For the past month the paper has been printed on a week-to-week basis, regarding almost every issue as its last. Early this week it was decided that with the acute shortage of trained personnel, the imminent discharge of its editor and the nearness of time before the advent of the Veterans Administration, the BANNER would suspend operations.

No plans have been made by the VA, as far as can be determined, for the continuance of a publication for the veterans hospitalized at McGuire.

The BANNER staff takes this opportunity of thanking all the members of the printing firm of Keel-Williams, 108 N. 14th street, Richmond, for their unfailing courtesy and cooperation in helping the BANNER to reach its readers on time each week.

And as they say in the Hollywood war pictures,—"This is it!"

Fashion Note

In Manhattan, the Men's Fashion Guild happily predicted that yellow pants, for spring, would make men less tense, less neurotic.

The job survey completed this week was based upon a comparison of the requirements of the hospital under the jurisdiction of the War Department and the needs of the VA.

The interviews scheduled to begin on Monday in room 13, Bldg. 303, will be conducted by Mr. Leonard and Mr. Meyers in addition to two placement specialists from the VA branch in Richmond.

Employees were urged to refrain from attempting to make appointments for these interviews themselves since all appointments will adhere to a regular schedule and be cleared through section supervisors who will be notified by the VA men.

According to Mr. Leonard, it is planned to interview all employees whose services may be needed here or with the branch office in Richmond before the reduction-in-force notices will be distributed on or about March 1.

It is expected that almost all of McGuire's employees will be placed with either the hospital or the branch office, with the needs of the hospital given priority.

The VA table of organization is based on a 1,000 bed capacity for hospitalized veterans at McGuire.

"In determining whether to retain or separate employees of the hospital, we were motivated by several factors," said Mr. Leonard. "Most important of these was the bearing of the job toward the welfare of the patient, always the primary concern of the VA," he stated.

"Other factors included the nature of the duties performed, degree of responsibility involved, job standards of the VA and the interchangeability of the job predicated upon the complexity of the position and the Civil Service allocation pertaining to service and grade," Mr. Leonard said.

The interviews which begin Monday will be organized by sections and each department will be taken in order determined by the VA representatives. These personal interviews are an out-growth of the commitment given Col. P. E. Duggins, commanding officer, following his trip to VA headquarters in Washington when the announcement was made by the WD in January that the hospital was to be turned over to the VA.

When Col. Duggins will transfer control of the Army medical installation to the VA on April 1, it will be to a civilian manager. The manager, a gentleman whose identity has not been disclosed as this edition of the BANNER goes to press, is expected to arrive in Richmond on Monday when he will familiarize himself with the various ramifications of his task prior to assuming formal command of the hospital.

The manager is empowered to make recommendations to increase inequitable authorizations of personnel. Field representatives may recommend to the manager that certain jobs or activities not now authorized by the VA table of organization be continued. Among these would be the telegraph office, the post exchange or canteen, radio station MCGH, an activity entailing the disposition of \$100,000 in modern radio equipment and similar activities unforseen by the VA in drafting their original organizational charts.

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Well, Say Something!



Disabled Vet Sues U. S., Case May Set Precedent

Soldiers and veterans who were injured in service are following with keen interest the outcome of a test case currently being tried in Helena, Mont., in which the Federal District Court there has been asked to declare that in inducting a citizen into the armed forces the Government "was taking private property for a public use."

An action charged that such a person, if disabled wholly or in part, had a constitutional right to urge claims for compensation in court.

The action was brought against the Government as a test case by Edward C. Commers, of Helena, who, according to his petition, was injured and incurred various ailments while serving with the Sixth Division in the Pacific. John Mahan, former National Commander of the Disabled American Veterans, and C. E. Pew, past State Commander of the American Legion, are his lawyers.

The attorneys said the suit was unprecedented and raised a constitutional question not considered since the slavery era.

Mr. Commers asked a judgment declaring the right of a veteran to

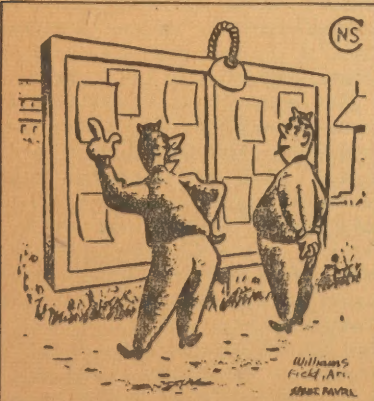
sue the Government on his claim, and lawyers said that if the court upheld his contentions, the adjudication methods of the Veterans Administration would be nullified and a pension would not be a satisfaction of a veteran's claim for bodily impairment.

The petitioner alleged that all pertinent laws of Congress now in force were "based on the theory that those who fight are the slaves, serfs, or chattels of those who do not fight, and that the bodies of those who fight may be sacrificed in the common defense without legal obligation of any kind, and that whatever is paid to or on account of our war disabled is 'gratuity' or common charity, all of which is contrary to every principle of our Constitution and all principles of free government."

Schmidt for Senator

Al Schmidt, the blind veteran whose life formed the plot of the motion picture "Pride of the Marines," was named Democratic candidate for State Senator to represent his home district in Philadelphia.

Schmidt, who received the Navy Cross, was blinded at Guadalcanal after killing more than 200 Japs. He will seek election in Philadelphia's Eighth District.



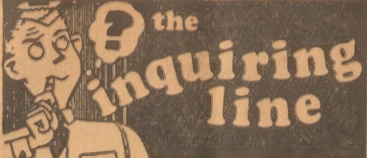
"Now that I'm getting out next week, I see I've been promoted to Pfc."

Patients Advised On Bank's Closing

Patients accustomed to cashing checks at the banking facility established at McGuire by the Bank of Virginia were cautioned this week by Red Cross representatives here that the services previously extended by the facility would terminate February 28, in accordance with instructions received from the War and Treasury Departments ordering the closing of the facility in view of the impending transfer of the hospital to the Veterans Administration.

Patients in need of money from home were urged to ask their people to send them money orders which may be cashed readily at the local post office instead of the personal checks many of them had been receiving.

For services other than check-cashing, the Bank of Virginia will continue to transact business for personnel and patients of the hospital at its main office at Eighth and Main Streets, in Richmond. A "Banking-by-Mail" service is available to those who may find it inconvenient to go into town to transact their banking business personally.



Q. How may an eligible individual obtain the new pre-Pearl Harbor Medal for service before December 7, 1941?

A. The medal is officially called the American Defense Service Medal. The medal has not been manufactured yet, but the ribbon, denoting that service, may be purchased at most uniform shops by presenting proof of eligibility, such as the Discharge Certificate.

Q. I have been told that if a wife of an ex-servicemen should become pregnant within 18 months of the soldier's discharge, she is entitled to free care under the Emergency Maternity and Infant Care program. Is this true?

A. No, but a discharged serviceman whose wife became pregnant while he was a member of the military service is eligible under the Emergency Maternity and Infant Care Program, provided her husband held a rating at the time in one of the lowest four enlisted grades.

Q. I am leaving the hospital today on terminal leave to end May 1, 1946. I am to notify my old employer by August 1, 1946, that I want to return to my old job. May I try one or two other jobs between the beginning of my terminal leave and August 1, and still be eligible to return to my old job?

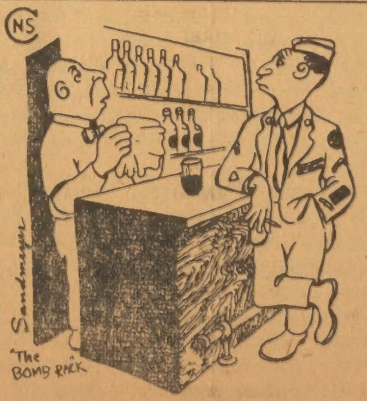
A. Should you accept other brief employment before the termination of the 90-day period, but notify your former employer within the specified period of your desire to return to your former job, the fact that you had engaged in other employment would not affect your rights to reinstatement in your former position.

Bars and Stripes

To Technical Sergeant
S. Sgt. Herman Botteon
S. Sgt. Charles S. Wolf
To Staff Sergeant:
Sgt. Gerald W. Ashley
Sgt. Albert G. Bianco
Sgt. David Fidler
Sgt. Josef G. Gutekunst
Sgt. Norman R. Matthews
Sgt. Wendell H. Perrill
Sgt. William L. Ruhl Jr.
Sgt. Vincent A. Seeley
To Sergeant:
Cpl. William H. Gergherm
Cpl. Salvatore J. Castorina
Cpl. Josef G. Gutekunst
Cpl. William D. Kane
Cpl. William R. Schaub
Cpl. Charles A. Smith
To Tec. 3
Tec. 4 Wyland K. Blanding
Tec. 4 Frederick A. Dubrava
Tec. 4 Myrrix W. Newman
To Tec. 4:
Tec. 5 William R. O'Brien
Tec. 5 Juanita L. Yates
To Tec. 5:
Pfc. Hershel Cohen
To Corporal:
Pfc. James F. Current
Pfc. Russell R. Cromwell
Pfc. John L. Paltrinieri
Pfc. Stanley Rykus
Pfc. Theodore H. Walker
To Pfc.:
Pvt. George R. House
Pvt. Joe D. Odom
Pvt. Benjamin J. Pollard

Plenty Plasma

125,000 units of blood plasma, declared surplus by the Army and Navy, will guarantee the Veterans Administration's 97 hospitals and homes a five years' supply.



"Just got back from what war?"



Week of Friday, February 22. First show at 6:15 p.m. daily. Matinee every Sunday at 2 p.m.

FRIADAY—"Colonel Effingham's Raid," with Charles Coburn, Joan Bennett.

SATURDAY—"Shock," with Vincent Price, Lynn Bari.

SUNDAY & MONDAY—"The Bandit of Sherwood Forest" with Cornel Wilde, Anita Louise.

TUESDAY—"Behind Green Lights" with Carole Landis, William Gargan.

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY—"The Road to Utopia," with Bing Crosby, Bob Hope, Dorothy Lamour.

FRIDAY—"Swing Parade of 1946" with Gale Storm, Phil Regan.

Chapel Schedule

PROTESTANT
Midweek Service Wednesday evenings6:30 p.m.
Conference Room 12, Building 303.
Daily Services, Monday through Saturday inclusive, :008 a.m.-8:15 a.m., in Red Cross lounge.
Sunday Service.....9:30 a.m.

CATHOLIC
Sunday Mass8:30, 11:00 a.m.
Daily Mass:
Mon. and Thurs.5:00 p.m.
Tues., Fri., Sat.6:00 a.m.
Confessions Sat.6:30-8:00 p.m.

JEWISH
Friday Services.....7:00 p.m.

Voting Information Available to GIs

State-wide or Federal elections will be held in nine states during April and May and soldier residents of these states who desire to vote by absentee ballot may secure Army application post cards here from Capt. Robert T. Morrison, soldier voting officer.

The nine states in which the elections are to be held are Wisconsin on April 2; Illinois on April 9; Alabama, Florida, Indiana, Ohio on May 7; Oregon on May 17; Pennsylvania on May 21, and North Carolina on May 25.

Other elections, mostly municipal or county will be held in New Jersey on May 14; in South Dakota on April 16 and in Virginia on April 2.

For complete information about the contested offices and soldier voting procedures, military personnel at the hospital are requested to call Capt. Morrison for any information at extension 401.

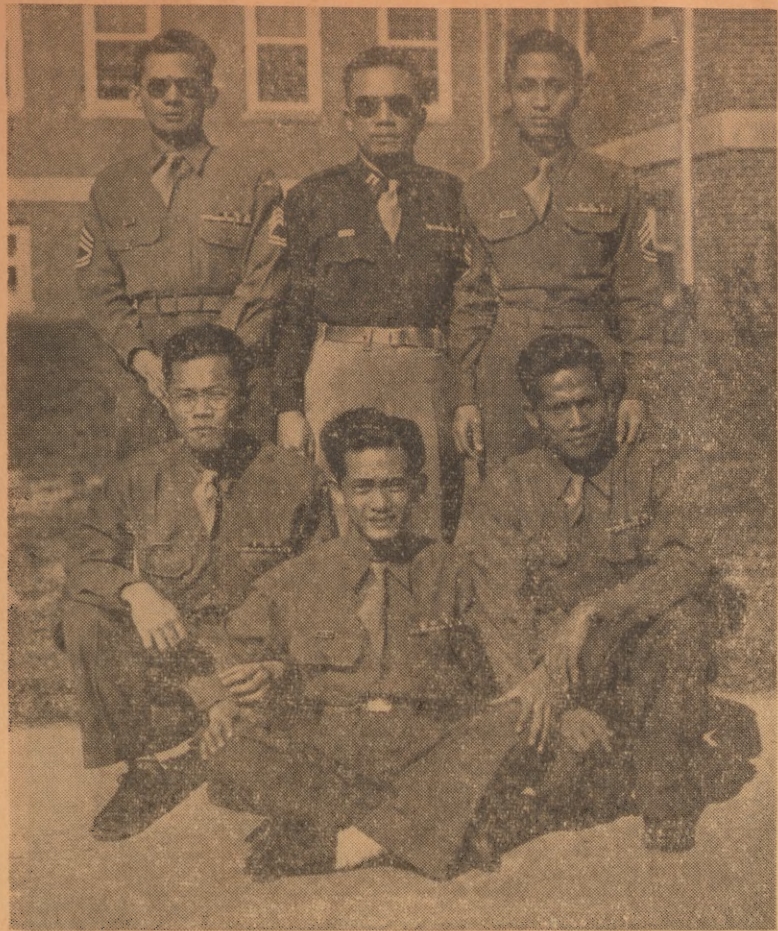


By Suzanne McLaurin Connell

Many people use the facilities of the Army Library Service, but very few know anything about the organization. We have just been reading an excellent article on the Army Library Service in "The Library Journal" for October 1, 1944, and we should like to pass this information on to you, the people for whom the Army Library Service was created.

The Army Library Service was established in 1920 as a part of the Adjutant General's office of the War Department. It came into being as a result of the first World War, when the Army had no regular library section, and the American Library Association supervised the procurement of books for soldiers. With the beginning of World War II, the Army Library Service expanded along with other Army functions. Army regulations provided for establishment of libraries in camps and hospitals which would be under the supervision of the special services officer, have professional civilian librarians in charge, and make use of appropriated funds for the procurement of reading materials. As more and more soldiers were sent overseas, Overseas Library Service expanded to meet increasing demand; now many librarians are serving on overseas duty, true to the function of the Army Library Service for providing reading materials for soldiers wherever they may be stationed.

In the above-mentioned article there are some excellent concluding paragraphs which sum the achievements of the Army Library Service. It is praised because it strengthened the tendency of progressive librarians to make libraries into distributing centers rather than mere storehouses of materials; it developed new methods of mass production and distribution; it aroused an interest in books in many people who otherwise might never have read. To quote, "But the chief achievement of the Army Library Service is what it has done for the soldiers themselves. By providing books and magazines for men of all tastes and interests, it has helped to maintain morale in places where no other recreation was possible; it has kept men in the remotest corners of the world in touch with American life and ideals, and it has helped them to forget the troubles and discomfort of the moment."



FILIPINO SPECIALISTS—This group of orthopedic brace shop specialists arrived at McGuire several months ago to acquire a complete knowledge of the construction of prostheses, with particular attention devoted to the metal limb, a special project at this hospital. They expect to return to their homeland soon to apply the methods learned here. In the bottom row (left to right) are: S-Sgt. Felipe G. Ramos, T-Sgt. Magin Quiambao and Cpl. Jose Puruganan. Top row—T-Sgt. Carlos Bermudez, Capt. Ildefonso M. Gomez and T-Sgt. Demetrio Feliciano, all members of the Philippine Army.

Filipino Soldiers Here Thank Staff

Anticipating their return shortly to their home stations in the Philippines, the group of six orthopedic brace shop specialists who arrived here several months ago on temporary duty status to learn the latest production methods in the prosthesis field, have drawn up a letter of thanks to the commanding officer, Col. P. E. Duggins, and to all the personnel here for the aid extended the men.

"We wish to take this opportunity through the McGuire BANNER to thank the personnel for their consideration and generous help in instructing us in our studies here.

"We appreciate that in doing so, they have liberally interpreted current directives and extended aid to our group in every possible way.

"On behalf of the Philippine Army, we wish to extend our appreciation to the commanding officer and his staff for all the courtesies shown us during our stay here."

The letter is signed by Capt. Ildefonso M. Gomez, in charge of the group and his five enlisted aids. They are S-Sgt. Felipe G. Ramos, T-Sgt. Magin Quiambao, Cpl. Jose Puruganan, T-Sgt. Carlos Bermudez and T-Sgt. Demetrio Feliciano.

B-Gen. Rice Named Surgeon in 3rd SvC

Brig. Gen. George W. Rice has been named Third Service Command Surgeon to succeed Col. Frank P. Strome, who has retired, it was announced this week by the Office of the Surgeon General.

A native of Cumberland, Md., Gen. Rice was commissioned in 1916 following his graduation from the University of Maryland. After World War I he served in the Philippines for three years, and on the west coast four years before graduating from the Infantry School, the Command and General Staff School and the Army War College. In 1940 he became director of training at Carlisle Barracks, Pa.

For four years a member of Gen. MacArthur's staff and Surgeon of the 8th Army in the Southwest Pacific, Gen. Rice was stationed at Headquarters, Yokohama, Japan, before returning to this country.

Gen. Rice was seen by patients at McGuire when he accompanied Maj. Gen. Norman T. Kirk, Army Surgeon General, in a recent visit to the hospital.

More About Interviews

North Lombardy street, Richmond, which was opened last Friday, will supervise VA operations in Virginia, District of Columbia, Maryland, West Virginia and North Carolina regional offices.

This branch office is expected to consider applicants seeking employment as Clerk-Typists or Clerk-Stenographers who are currently employed at McGuire and whose services the VA may be unable to use at the hospital. Such applicants will be given preferential treatment towards employment in the branch office.

All those selected for employment, either here or in Richmond, will be required to submit new applications prior to being interviewed.

Military personnel interested in employment with the VA may make application now for civilian jobs by filing form 57 and submitting it through channels to Capt. Virginia G. Breed, director of the personnel division here.

Since the VA, unlike the WD, does not hire employees in ungraded jobs, positions in those categories will be converted to graded jobs, a move expected to lead generally to slight wage increases, according to Mr. Leonard.

Sports Goods Boom

Billions of dollars will be spent for athletic and recreational facilities and equipment during the next five years, says Col. Theodore P. Bank, president of the Athletic Institute. This boom should open up opportunities for veterans in the sporting goods industry.

Driving Aids Installed For Disabled Veterans

The automobile industry is busy working on the needs of disabled veterans.

A survey shows good progress is being made in getting special driving aids into volume production so handicapped ex-servicemen will be able to handle the postwar cars.

This word comes from the Automobile Manufacturers' Association shortly after a group of amputees paid a visit to the White House to ask that Uncle Sam provide each crippled vet with a car of his own.

The disabled soldiers said they felt such transportation would give fellows who had trouble walking more of a "fighting" chance to adjust themselves in civilian life.

They presented a petition with more than a thousand names and said they would circulate it among other veterans in hospitals to get more.

Whether or not the Government decides to grant the request, there still will be special equipment available for disabled veterans who can afford their own cars.

In the Detroit laboratories, researchers have perfected devices for just about every handicap except poor eyesight—which they leave to the eye specialists.

The driving aid equipment includes throttle, brake and gear-shift levers for left- and right-hand operations. There is a special knob for steering, and an electric signaling lever operated by special hand control.

Other special gadgets include buttons for control of lights, starter lever and a flip switch to throw the clutch to manual or automatic control.

Automotive engineers also have perfected a "hill holder" unit whereby a handicapped driver is able to hold a car from rolling backward on an upgrade when temporarily stopped in traffic.

Spokesmen for the motor industry say these devices are not yet available, but they add indications are they soon will be on the market.

These are the reasons given: First, parts suppliers have done a rapid job on rushing items needed for the production of these driving aids—hurrying them ahead of the regular commercial output.

Automotive parts spokesmen say in some cases as much as six months have been out from schedules in order to get some of the assemblies to passenger car firms at the earliest possible date.

Nearly every supplier reports that

final production designs for the special driving aids are completed.

One manufacturer says he expects his output to reach 1,500 driving aid "kits" by the end of this month.

But the Automobile Manufacturers' Association adds that it is hard to say when the equipment will be generally available for all makes of cars.

Studies are being made to apply the driving aids to older model cars because it may be some time before a disabled veteran can get a new postwar number. Meanwhile, he would like to drive the car he has on hand, provided he can get the equipment to fit it.

There is a definite air of co-operation among manufacturers. They all want to give the handicapped GIs help as soon as possible.

Producers of the driving aids are exchanging manufacturing facilities freely, and arrangements have been completed whereby parts suppliers can use the same tooling for different firms to speed up distribution.

The standard driving aids kit put out by one of the bigger auto combines will be usable on all makes of cars produced by the organization.

There are delays because of labor difficulties, material shortages and research on the number and types of aids that will be needed.

But almost every disabled GI can rest assured he will be able to drive a car. And he can take comfort in the fact that President Roosevelt used special driving aids to enjoy spins around the Hyde Park countryside.

Overtime Pay Granted

War Department civilian employees in ungraded categories are authorized payment of time and a half for holiday work, according to a WD civilian personnel circular received by Capt. Virginia G. Breed, director of personnel at McGuire.

These overtime payments are not retroactive and the first occasion for their application will be made for labor performed today, Washington's Birthday.

Hospital of Tomorrow Seen as Dream World

Patients at McGuire who are already receiving the best of medical care and attention in surroundings as pleasant as they might be, are warned not to pop their eyes at the story that follows.

In it is visualized the hospital of tomorrow—a sort of dream world belonging to the atomic age. Since it makes for entertaining reading,

the BANNER offers the hospital of tomorrow as visualized by experts of today.

It will be a lot more pleasant to be ill in the hospitals of tomorrow.

Scientists, engineers and social workers are blueprinting plans that should make hospitals not only more functional and spacious but also as attractive as your favorite summer resort.

Not only that, but tomorrow's hospital will serve you in health as well as in sickness. It will be an educational center where you can hear lectures on health, first aid and home nursing; where you can get information—where you can learn to prevent illness in your own home.

Let's take an imaginary trip to one of tomorrow's hospitals.

If you were taken ill and the nearest hospital were perhaps 70 or 80 miles away, there wouldn't be the long wait for an ambulance or the bumpy trip to town in the family car. A telephone call would bring a helicopter ambulance within a matter of minutes. Plans for helicopter ambulance service now are being made by some hospitals.

In another half-hour or so, you'd be tucked in at your hospital bed—or perhaps even in the operating room.

Helicopter ambulance service would mean, of course, that there would have to be a small airfield next to the hospital. Helicopters as well as small planes also would carry blood plasma from one hospital to another and would rush medical attendants to remote spots in time of emergency.

What will the hospital itself look like from outside? Well, first of all, there probably won't be the traditional deep steps in front; in fact, there probably will be almost no steps in the entire hospital. Doctors realize that steps are extremely weakening for those who are ill, and thus they'll be banished—to be replaced with modern, sleek ramps.

If the hospital is in the city, it may be a simple, modern building with innumerable open balconies and roof gardens. If it's in the country, it will be surrounded by beautiful landscaped gardens and parks. Doctors seem to agree—as a result of war-born experience—that the quicker most patients get up and around after an operation, the better off they are. Thus, there will be pleasant outdoor parks or roof gardens where a patient can stroll or sit as he recuperates.

As you go in the front door of the hospital, you probably will be amazed to find that it looks like the lobby of a very fine hotel. There will be comfortable-looking lounges and chairs with lamps and decorative rugs and curtains. There may be a flock of receptionists—one of whom will help you find the doctor you want, the room, or, if you're upset, will stay with you until you get the specialist you need.

Probably on the main floor there

will be a restaurant for the convenience of visitors who may have to wait around for visiting hours. There also will be little gift and flower shops.

When you get off the elevator at one of the hospital floors, again you will not be conscious that you're in a hospital. Each floor may have a lounge just off the elevators which will serve not only as a small decorative waiting room, but also as a place where patients who are well enough can receive visitors—thus making it much more pleasant for all concerned.

Patients' rooms again will get away from the traditional bleakness which seems to stamp most hospitals. In the first place, it's agreed that color has a great effect on a person's emotions—and thus his recuperative ability. So, there will be much more color wherever possible.

There may be gaily tinted curtains on the windows, brightly covered chairs; even bed covers will steer clear of the traditional white. What's more, there may even be wallpaper of some sort to give the room a bit of individuality. However, the rooms probably will be compact.

The tendency is to build smaller, more streamlined rooms in order to give more people privacy at lower cost. Thus, instead of the cumbersome bureau, there'll be built-in cabinets and so on.

The hospital bed will be one of the most complex of all modern-day conveniences. One of these beds has been built and, when materials are available, probably will be produced on a larger scale. It has built into it all the facilities of a bathroom—a sink, toilet, and towel rack—as well as a reading lamp, reading table, and extra drawer space. A panel of buttons within easy reach allows the patient to operate it. Buttons on the panel also will raise or lower the bed, open or shut the windows and turn out the top lights. No more calling for a nurse to do those jobs in your world of tomorrow.

Naturally, this type of bed will make the nurse's work much easier—will free her from the tiring little tasks—leaving her plenty of time to spend with patients who are seriously ill and require special attention.

Another invention that may be installed in tomorrow's hospitals is a moisture-sensitive device that automatically would close windows throughout the building when it rains. There also may be a heat-sensitive switch which would open or close them automatically according to the temperature.

As for the wards, the old-fashioned row of 50 or 60 beds will definitely be out in your world of tomorrow. There will be no more than four or five beds in a ward—each completely curtained off to provide as much privacy as possible. However, it may be well to emphasize again that the private rooms will be smaller on the whole. There will be many more of them, and thus they will be less expensive than they are today.

It might also be well to add at this point that the entire hospital will be built along more compact lines. Tomorrow's hospital will utilize almost every inch in order to make the entire building more functional. However, there will be many additional facilities. For instance, there probably will be an entire room reserved for prospective fathers where they can pace the floor and still be out of the way of doctors and nurses.

There also will be recreation rooms for patients who will be urged to get up and stroll around. There they can meet fellow-patients in pleasant surroundings instead of merely pacing up and down hospital corridors.

Hey, Doc, I don't wanna get well!



Fliers Pound McGuire; N.C. State Here Tonight

By PFC. JOHN OLIVER

Their winning streak snapped at 13 straight by the Langley Field Fliers on Tuesday night, the McGuire Generals will take to the court in the Post gym tonight at 8:30 against the powerful North Carolina State team.

Aside from a game on Tuesday night at the Thomas Jefferson H. S. gym with American Legion Post 200, of Richmond, Coach Al Bianco's basketballers will remain out of competition until they enter the Third Service Command tournament at Fort George G. Meade, Maryland, on March 1 and 2.

The Generals ran their consecutive victory string to 13 when they knocked off Wake Forest College, another strong Tarheel five, 49 to 37, last Saturday night, but they met more than their match in Langley Field, the Fliers walking off the court with a 54-36 triumph.

In both the game with the Demon Deacons and that with the Fliers, Ray "Dusty" Rhodes was the Generals' shining offensive light as he canned eight field goals to lead the scoring against Wake Forest and rang up 13 points to top his mates in their losing battle with the Langley Field representation.

Langley brought to McGuire a team that previously had played intact for Sheppard Field, Texas, where they had compiled 14 straight victories. Both the Fliers and the Generals were putting 13-game streaks on the line when they faced on the hardwood here.

Between them, the Fliers' Ellis Pritchett and Bob Donham, each of them standing six feet one, scored more points than the entire McGuire team. Pritchett rammed home 22 points, and Donham 21.

Langley Field's leading player, Blaine Crowther, was kept on the bench because of blood poisoning.

Glenn Kinney, another of the Fliers' importations from Sheppard, racked up 10 points to take fourth place in the night's scoring orgy.

Al Rinaldi and Russ Crowell contributed to the Generals' desperate but losing cause with 9 and 7 points, respectively.

Coach Bianco had no alibis for his team's play against Langley, merely commenting that "it looked as if we did everything right in the Wake Forest game and everything wrong against the Fliers."

WAKE FOREST (37)				
	FG	FT	PF	T
Williams, f.	4	0	0	8
Veitch, f.	1	2	1	4
Walters, c.	3	0	0	6
Ognovich, g.	0	0	2	0
Lougee, g.	1	0	0	2
Fleet,	1	2	0	4
Manley,	0	0	1	0
Mayberry,	3	1	0	7
Gattis,	2	0	1	4
Hicks,	1	0	2	2
Totals,	16	5	7	37

McGUIRE (49)				
	FG	FT	PF	T
Garret, f.	2	1	2	5
Rhodes, f.	8	0	0	16
Wolf, c.	2	0	4	4
Cromwell, g.	4	2	1	10
Rinaldi, g.	3	0	0	6
Windnagle, f.	4	0	3	8
Totals,	23	3	10	49

Halftime score: McGuire, 27; Wake Forest, 24. Officials—Driscoll and Bryant.

LANGLEY FIELD (54)				
	FG	FT	PF	T
Pritchett, f.	10	2	0	22
Kinney, f.	5	0	3	10
Donham, c.	9	3	4	21
Schudrowitz, g.	0	1	1	1
Grabowski, g.	0	0	1	0
Bracken, g.	0	0	2	0
Totals,	24	6	11	54

McGUIRE (36)				
	FG	FT	PF	T
Garret, f.	0	1	1	1
Rhodes, f.	6	1	1	13
Wolf, c.	1	0	2	2
Cromwell, g.	2	3	2	7
Rinaldi, g.	4	1	2	9
Windnagle, f.	1	2	1	4
Feltman, g.	0	0	0	0
Rabin, g.	0	0	0	0
Totals,	14	8	9	36

Halftime score: Langley Field, 27; McGuire, 19. Officials—Driscoll and Rechenbech.

McGuire Hoopsters Feted at Banquet

Honoring a team that has won 21 out of 23 games, Col. P. E. Duggins, commanding officer of McGuire, presented letters of appreciation to the members of the Generals' basketball squad at a banquet last night in the Hotel John Marshall.

The letters, signed by Col. Duggins, expressed appreciation to the players for their excellent season. During his talk, Col. Duggins made a toast to the team, indicating his confidence in the outcome of their play in the forthcoming Third Service Command tournament.

Principal speaker was Ben Wahrman, a former Marine staff sergeant and now sports editor of the Richmond News Leader.

Staff Sergeant Al Bianco, coach of the Generals, was presented with a brief case in appreciation of his outstanding work.

Other speakers were T-Sgt. Charles Wolf, captain of the team; Marjorie Dunn, coach of the McGuirettes; Lt. Roger Lincoln, special services officer, and S-Sgt. Dave Fidler, editor of the McGuire BANNER.

Capt. Howard B. Leeds, public relations officer, was master of ceremonies.

For Your Lapel

You can now buy a likeness of the honorable discharge button with a replica of your theater ribbon superimposed upon it. Discharge buttons are also available with the various theatre ribbons and the Purple Heart upon them. Made of 14 karat gold, they sell for \$12.50, plus the federal tax, and are available at many department stores.

Some Twist

In Lancaster, Pa., Mrs. David Norcross twice threw her wrestler husband, then divorced him.



SITTING PRETTY—The seven Wacs above are members of the squad which will represent McGuire in the Third Service Command tournament starting in the Post gym Monday night. Front row (in the customary order)—Wilda Whims, guard; Christine Dudley, forward; Callie Bonham, guard. Back row—Lela Horton, guard; Elizabeth Dean, forward; Minnie Porter, forward, and Pearl Womble, forward.

Fingerless Pianist With USO Show

A dozen outstanding professional entertainers including everything from juggling to comedy—from magic to puppets—from swing-singing to acrodancing is the formula for "Swingtime Follies," a variety show which is being brought to McGuire, Mar. 6, on the USO-Camp shows circuit.

Heading the bill is juggler Harry Bardell, a veteran entertainer with a background of 35 years in show business. The Umbro trio is a novelty musical act composed of three men plus sax, accordion and guitar. The comedy team of Ross and Deane, fresh from a recent appearance on the Rudy Vallee network show, is guaranteed to take care of the yak department.

Others in the cast of Swingtime Follies are singer Vickie Lawn, pianist Irving Firstenberg and the Stuart Sisters, acrobatic dancing act.

Arthur B. Williamson, plays the piano without the aid of fingers. Arthur's fingers were amputated when he was still in college. He is a physical instructor at the University of Pennsylvania when not touring with the show.

"Swingtime Follies" will play in the wards during the afternoon and will stage a performance in the Red Cross recreation hall in the evening.

Quick Change

Dissatisfied with his new name of Thomas V. Adams, a Chicagoan has asked the court to change his name back to the original Athanasios V. Tamatopoulos.

Service Command Wacs Gather for Hoop Tourney

Feminine basketballers from throughout the Third Service Command will descend on McGuire this week-end in preparation for the commands' Women's Army Corps tournament, scheduled for Monday and Tuesday afternoons at 2:15 p.m. in the Post gymnasium.

Six teams, including McGuire, host contingent, will inaugurate the competition in preliminary games Monday afternoon, with the remaining contests being played on Tuesday afternoon at 2:15 p.m., according to present plans of tournament officials.

Visiting teams will represent Indiantown Gap, Pa., Military Reservation; Edgewood Arsenal, Md.; Fort George G. Meade, Md.; Hampton Roads Port of Embarkation, and Woodrow Wilson General Hospital, Staunton, Va.

On the basis of their season's record, the Indiantown Gap Wacs have been established as the pre-tournament favorites. They boast 11 victories out of 13 games, while the Hampton Roads sextet has scored 11 triumphs and suffered 5 defeats to rate up near the top in the predictions. Woodrow Wilson has won 13 out of 20.

McGuire's untested squad has been practicing nightly under the direction of Lieut. David Guarnieri. Coach Guarnieri said that by tournament time he hoped to have a smooth-working combination ready to take the court. Stand-out performer on the hospital squad so far has been 1st Lt. Elizabeth Dean, a forward from Milwaukee, Wis.

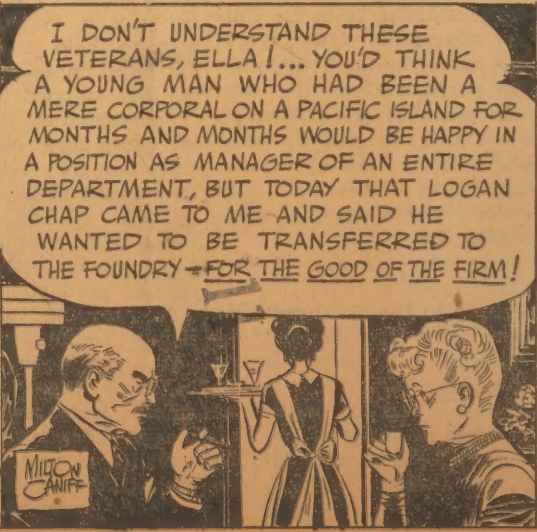
At least two former members of the Third Service Command all-star team will be seen in action. They are Sgt. Karol Maxie, guard, captain and manager of the Edgewood Arsenal combine, and Capt. Ethel M. Martin, forward, also of Edgewood. They were chosen for the all-star team positions at the close of the tournament in 1945. Sgt. Maxie, who will be remembered as an outstanding catcher on the Edgewood softball team, hails from Upland, Calif., and Capt. Martin from Hoopston, Ill.

An oddity of the Hampton Roads Wacs is that their coach is a sailor. He is Athletic Specialist Second Class Richard Flory. Mrs. Flory acts as the team's manager.

Outstanding member of the Woodrow Wilson sextet is its captain, T-3 Thelma L. Pangburn, of Los Angeles, Calif. Sgt. Pangburn has scored 191 points to lead the team's offense. T-4 Grace L. Alexander, left forward, from Martinsville, Va., has rung up a total of 136 points for the Staunton combine.

Captain Joseph R. Serena, Third Service Command Athletic Officer, is expected to appear Sunday afternoon or Monday morning, at which time pairings will be made for the preliminary games.

Male Call



By Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"

I DON'T UNDERSTAND THESE VETERANS, ELLA!... YOU'D THINK A YOUNG MAN WHO HAD BEEN A MERE CORPORAL ON A PACIFIC ISLAND FOR MONTHS AND MONTHS WOULD BE HAPPY IN A POSITION AS MANAGER OF AN ENTIRE DEPARTMENT, BUT TODAY THAT LOGAN CHAP CAME TO ME AND SAID HE WANTED TO BE TRANSFERRED TO THE FOUNDRY—FOR THE GOOD OF THE FIRM!